

Carmel, NY – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) announced today that a total of \$450,000 in new Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grants that he sponsored will be awarded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to four separate community coalitions in the Congressional District he serves. Recipients include the Village of Croton-on-Hudson (\$125,000); the Alliance for Safe Kids, Inc. in Cortlandt Manor (\$100,000); National Council for Alcoholism and Other Drugs Department of Putnam County Community (\$125,000); and the Town of Cortlandt (\$100,000).

“It is gratifying to see that these four community coalitions will receive this substantial funding to help them to reduce youth substance abuse,” said Rep. Hall. “It is a well known fact that DFC-funded communities are succeeding at significantly reducing youth alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use. Simply put, community involvement in preventing drug use is big part of ensuring that our youth are prepared to reach their dreams and goals while leading this country in the years ahead.”

With the premise that local problems need local solutions, the DFC program is designed to support communities as they mobilize individuals and organizations from a wide spectrum of sectors to reduce youth substance abuse.

The various community coalitions receiving DFC grants, including those aforementioned, will receive funding from September 30, 2010 through September 29, 2011. In all, the new grantees across the United States represent a total federal investment of nearly \$21 million in grants for fiscal year 2010 and an overall investment of more than \$87 million. Additionally, each community must provide a minimum one-to-one match in local funding for every federal dollar awarded, thus further leveraging the government’s investment while increasing local community support.